

**Community Relations Committee
Judicial Conference of Indiana**

**Minutes
March 19, 2010**

The Community Relations Committee of the Judicial Conference of Indiana met at the Indiana Judicial Center on March 19, 2010.

1. **Members present.** The following members of the Community Relations Committee were present: James Ahler, Kathleen Lang, Daniel Moore, David Najjar, Joseph Trout, H.L. Whitis and Gail Bardach, chair.
2. **Staff assistance.** Jenny Bauer and Kathryn Dolan provided staff assistance to the Committee.
3. **Approval of minutes.** The minutes from the December 2009 meeting were approved.
4. **IJA Awards.** The committee discussed the nomination process for the IJA's community relations awards and possible ways to increase the number of nominations submitted. The committee requested that nomination forms be posted on the Judicial Center's website in late May/early June and sent to the Associated Press for distribution in newspapers.
5. **Law Day.** Kathryn Dolan reported that Law Day is May 1st and the Supreme Court plans to celebrate the day with a student program on Brown v. Board of Education in the Supreme Court Courtroom. Judge Lang reported that the LaPorte County judges are hosting a group of high school students who will perform as supreme court justices. Judge Bardach suggested sending a survey to judges on the Speakers Bureau list to see if they are getting requests to speak at schools.
6. **Regional Law School for Journalists.** The committee discussed the idea of doing the next regional law school for journalists in central Indiana. Judge Bardach suggested doing the session in Hamilton County during the week of August 16th. She also suggested expanding the session to include Kevin Smith presenting information about appellate court records and a JTAC presentation on the Odyssey Case Management System. Judge Bardach and Magistrate Najjar scheduled a meeting with Kathryn Dolan and Jenny Bauer in May to move forward with the regional law school for journalists.
7. **Public Service Announcements.** Kathryn Dolan reported that she received a request from a new judge for help with doing a public service announcement. She stated that this request dove-tails into a project that the Supreme Court is working on with the Indiana Public Broadcasting Stations. The project will include a number of judicial branch videos being broadcast on PBS stations. She also

stated that Indiana Public Broadcasting is also interested in helping judges do public service announcements. Ms. Dolan and Jenny Bauer will continue to work on the PSA aspect of the project and report back at the next meeting.

8. **Next meeting.** The next meeting of the Community Relations Committee will be June 18, 2010.

Respectfully submitted,

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